

For members of the general public to make rational, well-informed decisions, the convenient availability of (at least largely) unbiased information is critical. This holds true for virtually any issue--politics, the economy, the environment, employment, schooling, etc. As our society increasingly depends on established media outlets for its information on these subjects (and not, for example, upon word-of-mouth), it becomes more important that these media outlets offer a broad range of unbiased information.

The role of the FCC, indeed the role of any governmental institution, is to serve the public interest. It is hard to imagine how further deregulation of the broadcast media (specifically, of ownership rules) could possibly be in the public interest. I strongly object to the proposed rule changes regarding ownership, and hope they will not come to pass.

Sincerely,

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